

BURNSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 6, 2017

On April 6, 2017, the Burnsville Town Council, with members Mayor Theresa Coletta, Ruth Banks, Judy Buchanan, Shannon Peterson, and Ron Powell present, held a regular meeting at the Burnsville Town Center. Also in attendance were town staff members Brian Buchanan, Leslie Crowder, Chad Fox, Niles Howell, Jeanne Martin and Ronnie Tipton; and visitors Michelle Ball, Chuck Carlson, Tim Honeycutt, Ginger Johnson, Laura Maher, Schell McCall, Wanda Proffitt, Phil Trew, and others. The Mayor, who presided, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct regular business for the month of April, 2017.

- **Public Comment** – No one spoke during the time set aside for public comment.
- **Adoption of Agenda** – The Mayor asked that the agenda be amended to include a presentation by Schell McCall on the subject of Partners Aligned Toward Health (PATH). Also proposed as an amendment to the agenda was a brief closed session during the Fire Department report. Judy Buchanan moved to adopt the agenda with the aforesaid amendments. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried.
- **Consideration of Minutes** – Available for review were minutes from the following meetings:
 - a. Closed session held January 17, 2017
 - b. Special meeting held February 21, 2017
 - c. Regular meeting held March 2, 2017
 - d. Special meeting held March 8, 2017
 - e. Special meeting held March 21, 2017

Ron Powell moved to adopt the minutes of the aforesaid meetings. Shannon Peterson seconded the motion, which carried.

- **DEQ State Revolving Loan Fund Resolution**
 - a. Mayor Coletta explained that the Town is eligible for a 25% DEQ State Revolving Loan grant, which is currently being explored. Loans are based on twenty year terms, and applicants, if selected, are not obligated until terms are reviewed. Phil Trew, High Country Council of Governments) said the application deadline is April 30, 2017.
 - b. Ronnie Tipton spoke about several projects that are under consideration for this funding, which are listed in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan: (1) upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant and (2) replacement of the OMC Pump Station. These two projects, costing a total of \$1,263,300, will eliminate approximately \$20,000 in current expenditures.
 - c. Michelle Ball (High Country Council of Governments) read "*Resolution by the Town of Burnsville Applications for Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Funds*" which was proposed for consideration by Council. Judy Buchanan moved to adopt the aforesaid Resolution. The motion was seconded by Ruth Banks and carried.
- **Planning Board Report** – Council heard that the Planning Board had not met in the past month, and there was no business from the Planning Board to discuss.

- **Partners Aligned Toward Health** (formerly Graham Children’s Health Services) - Schell McCall spoke about the history of the organization and the recent name change for Graham Children’s Health Services, explaining that the new name better fits their mission.
- **Resolution Opposing North Carolina Senate Bill 94** – Available for consideration was *Resolution Opposing North Carolina Senate Bill 94*. The Mayor advised that the High Country Council of Governments will be considering a similar Resolution in several weeks. Ron Powell moved to adopt the aforesaid Resolution. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:

In Favor
 Ruth Banks
 Judy Buchanan
 Theresa Coletta
 Ron Powell

Abstaining (counted as a “Yes” vote)
 Shannon Peterson

Motion carried.

- **July 4th Celebration on the Square** – Council learned that the County Manager recently signed a contract for fireworks to be held on Monday, July 3rd. The Mayor advised she is fairly certain that Debbie Phillips and the 42nd Street Jazz Band will be available to perform prior to fireworks for approximately \$1,000. Ron Powell moved to approve the plan to engage Debbie Phillips for the celebration at a cost of approximately \$1,000. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried.
- **Mayor’s Administrative Report**
 - a. Resolution for beautification of Gateways – The Mayor reported that D.O.T. aesthetic engineer Jeff Lackey recently presented an update on enhancements to the 19E road project at a meeting she attended with Judy Buchanan and Ron Powell. The town will need to pass a Resolution in the near future indicating the work we want accomplished at the gateways, which will open the door for the town to work with Mr. Lackey at committee level.
 - b. There will be a Council Work Session April 18, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. The agenda will include work on the General Fund budget for FY 2017 – 2018.
 - c. Council received copies of a schedule for upcoming meetings.
- **Department Updates:**
 - a. Administration
 1. Pursuant to GS 105-369(a), *Tax Delinquent Report* dated March 30, 2017 was provided as an update of uncollected revenues. A variety of collection efforts are underway. It was pointed out that \$40,261 is unpaid at this time for prior years, and half of that amount is owed by 9 people. \$9,224 of the unpaid balance for prior years is either for personal property or payments are being made by the taxpayer.
 2. Finance Issues:
 - a) The Budget vs. Actual dated March 30, 2017 was furnished to Council.
 - b. Fire Department –
 1. Status of Property: Judy Buchanan moved to enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5). Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried.

Shannon Peterson moved to reconvene in open session. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried. Shannon Peterson moved to pursue the property of interest for the town and engage Attorney Heather Hockaday to handle negotiations. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried.

2. Operations:

- a) Council reviewed the Fire Department's Monthly Update.
 - b) Chief Howell discussed the department's interest in purchasing a ladder truck, for which there is money in the budget. Judy Buchanan moved to approve the purchase, use capital outlay money to purchase the ladder truck, and authorize Niles Howell to sign appropriate documents and pick up the truck, which is located out of state. Ron Powell seconded the motion, which carried.
- c. Police Department - Chief Brian Buchanan reported:
1. Council reviewed the department's activity log.
 2. The Burnsville Metric is passing through Burnsville on April 29th.
 3. Three ordinances for street closures were available for review. Judy Buchanan moved to adopt all three ordinances. Theresa Coletta seconded the motion, which carried.
 4. Kindergarten Kickoff was held again this year at the Town Center for the Class of 2030.
 5. Council heard that a traffic light will be installed at Ingles, which will initially be temporary, but permanent by early summer.
- d. Public Works Department – Public Works Director Ronnie Tipton reported:
1. An activity log was available for review.
 2. The bid opening for the Micaville Water Line Extension was held today. McGill Associates has not yet certified the bid; however, Stillwell Enterprises from Sylva appears to be low bidder and we don't foresee there being any issues with the documents. We were close on budget; however, there is one area that can be cut a little. There are D.O.T. encroachments to navigate around.
 3. A major project has been completed at the Water Treatment Plant involving the rehabilitation of two filters that were installed when the plant was built 30 years ago (25-30 years is normal for rehab). This was a difficult process because of down time and the inability to make water while the project was being completed. The plant is back on line and, according to the ORC, backwash times have already increased by four hours, thus saving money since each backwash takes approximately 3,000 gallons of water.
 4. Winter Star has asked for water service at the sock factory, and the application includes a request for annexation. Theresa Coletta moved to direct the clerk to certify the sufficiency of the annexation application. Judy Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried.
- e. Town Center - Facility Manager Chad Fox provided a brief update of events scheduled for the upcoming month. A recent run of four different expos were successful; a spring consignment sale for children's items was held for the first time and booked for two more events. Upcoming meetings include the EDC-Town-Yancey County summit and the Town-County employee health fair. Events on the town square now appear on the Town Center website.

▪ **Council Members' Reports**

- a. Mayor Theresa Coletta
 1. Farmers' Market Update – The Mayor advised the market will open this month.
 2. Council was reminded of the total eclipse in August.

3. A report on the Main Street conference in Shelby and an assessment of the Main Street Program will be presented in May.
4. ABC Board – Board member Bill Wheeler’s appointment has expired, and the ABC Board has recommended his reappointment. Ron Powell moved to reappoint Bill Wheeler to the ABC Board. Ruth Banks seconded the motion, which carried.

▪ **Updates from Advisory Boards and Non-Profits**

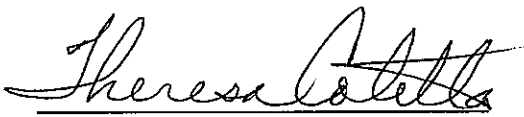
- a. Yancey County Economic Development Commission - EDC Director Wanda Proffitt reported:
 1. Gear Up – 7th and 8th graders in Yancey County are encouraged in entrepreneurship, and compete with their peers in annual business presentations. This year’s presentation will be held on April 25th.
 2. 501(c)(3) – The EDC is moving forward to complete. A 501(c)(3) is important for grants from corporations, etc.
 3. Another “dark sky” event will be held on April 21st. Brian Buchanan agreed to look into street closure.
 4. A report from Sanford Holshouser is expected soon.
- b. High Country Council of Governments – minutes and financials were available for review.

- **Next Regular Town Council Meeting** – The next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the Burnsville Town Center to consider regular business for the month of May.

There being no further business, Ron Powell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Shannon Peterson and carried.



Jeanne Martin, Town Clerk



Theresa Coletta, Mayor